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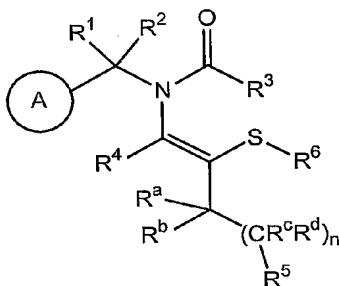
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides thioalkeneamides of formula (I) which are useful as transketolase inhibitors: wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R^a-R^d, n and ring A are as defined herein. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds of formula (I). The invention provides methods for inhibiting transketolase activity, reducing cellular ribose-5-phosphate levels, inhibiting nucleic acid synthesis, inhibiting cell proliferation and tumor cell growth in vitro and in vivo, stimulating apoptosis in tumor cells and treating cancer by administering a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutical composition thereof.

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